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SUBJ: RETURN OF DOMINIQUE ORSINI TO UNITED STATES

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- 1. PEACE CORPS PHYSICIAN GREEN IS TRAVELLING IN MALI UNTIL ABOUT AUGUST 31. HE IS ALREADY AWARE OF NEED FOR CERTIFICATE SUCH AS MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL, AND WITH THIS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, EMBASSY SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORWARD IT TO DEPT WITHIN COMING WEEK.
- 2. DURING CALL ON JUDICIARY POLICE DIRECTOR SADIBOU NDIAYE AUGUST 27, DCM DAVIS AND POL OFFICER MCKEE INQUIRED ABOUT OBTAINING SENEGALESE DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE CONCERNING WOUND TO ORSINI'S WRIST. NDIAYE SHOWED EMBOFFS CERTIFICATE WHICH HE HAD ALREADY OBTAINED FROM DAKAR'S HOPITAL PRINCIPAL. IT STATED THAT WOUND WAS SUPERFICIAL AND DESCRIBED SUTRES APPLIED. WHEN DCM ASKED FOR PHOTOCOPY, NDIAYE ASKED THAT OUR REQUEST BE FORMALIZED BY NOTE TO FONMINISTRY. THIS NOTE IS BEING PREPARED BY EMBASSY.
- 3. WHEN DCM ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH ORSINI'S ARREST AND CONDUCT DURING INCARCERATION, NDIAYE SAID THAT ARREST AND INCARCERATION HAD BEEN NORMAL AND ESSENTIALLY UNEVENTFUL UNTIL PRISONER WAS INFORMED EARLY AUGUST 25 THAT HE WAS BELING DELIVERED ABOARD PAN AM FLIGHT. AT THAT STAGE ORSINI BECAME UNRULY. DURING TRANSFER FROM POLICE CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADQUARTERS (WHICH HE HAD BEEN HELD SINCE HIS TRANSFER FROM

PRISON ON AUGUST 23) ORSINI MANAGED TO OBTAIN A PIECEOF GLASS, EITHER FROM A BROKEN WINDOW OR A BOTTLE AND WOUNDED HIMSELF ON HIS RIGHT WRIST, IN NDIAYE'S JUDGMENT TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO MISS PAN AM FLIGHT. POLICE VAN TOOK ORSINI TO HOPITAL PRINCIPAL WHERE DOCTOR TREATED HIM AND CERTIFIED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL. BECAUSE OF THIS UNANTICIPATED EVENT, ORSINI WAS DELIVERED TO AIRPORT LATER THAN GOS HAD PLANNED.

4. NDIAYE TOOK INITIATIVE BEFORE WE COULD ASK ABOUT ORSINI'S PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE SAID THAT GOS AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN FROM HIM AND WISHED TO RETURN THROUGH USG THE FOLLOWING:

A. 3,772 ARGETINE PESOS

B. 169 US DOLLARS

C. 9.000 FRANCS CFA

D. ONE TROUSERS BELT (CEINTURE)

HE SAID THESE ITEMS WOULD BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO MEAN MINISTRY FON AFFAIRS.

5. IN SEPARATE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AUGUST 26 WITH MOCTAR MBACKE, CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE OF JUSTICE MINISTRY (IN CHARGE OF MINISTRY DURING ABSENCE OF MINISTER AND CABINET DIRECTOR) CHARGE ASKED WHETHER GOS HAD EXTRADITED OR EXPELLED ORSINI. MBACKE SAID HE HAD BEEN EXPELLED, BUT THAT ACTION HAD BEEN FACILITATED BY RECEIPT OF EXTRADITION DOCUMENTS PACKAGE. NDIAYE IN AUGUST 27 CONVERSATION WITH US CONFIRMED THAT ACTION TECHNICALLY WAS EXPULSION.

6. MBACKE SAID THAT CHAMBRE D'ACCUSATION'S DECISION ON AUGUST 23 THAT ORSINI WAS BEING IMPROPERLY HELD (AND THERFORE SHOULD BE FREED) WAS BASED ON LAWYER'S ARGUMENT THAT ARREST IN AIRPORT TRANSIT LOUNGE WAS ILLEGAL SINCE IT "NOT TECHNICALLY UNDER SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION." NDIAYE TOLD US AUGUST 27 THAT ONCE THIS DECISION TO FREE ORSINI HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED BY JUDGE, GOS MINISTER OF INTERIOR PERSONALLY ORDERED THAT ORSINI BE REMOVED FROM PRISON AND HELD AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL PAN AM FLIGHT, AND THESE ORDERS WERE EXECUTED.

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7. MBACKE SAYS THAT ORSINI'S LAWYER, WADDY,HAS LODGED COMPLAINT WHICH ALLEGES THAT ORSINI WAS "DRUGGED BY US AGENTS" AND ALSO ALLEGES "COMPLICITY" BETWEEN USG AND GOS. MBACKE SEEMED RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED WITH THESE ALLEGATIONS. BOTH HE AND NDIAYE SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO OFFER ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING PROCEDURE IN CASE WE ARE FACED IN FUTURE WITH CASE SIMILAR TO ORSINI AFFAIR. AGGREY

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